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An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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Dear Sir:

In the Notification of Missing Parts of Application dated June 3, 2004, it was stated that an oath or declaration signed by the inventors must be submitted together with a surcharge for the late filing of same.

That Declaration has now been obtained and it is being forwarded herewith along with the necessary \$65.00 surcharge for the late filing of the Declaration.

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Respectfully submitted,

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